

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Nooksack Indian Tribe

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$437,964

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Nooksack Indian Tribe was awarded a 60-month project, Career and Technical Education Program, called the Journey Beyond Working Paths, which is funded through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006. The Journey Beyond Working Paths Project is operated by the Nooksack Indian Tribe in partnership with Bellingham Technical College (BTC), Northwest Indian College (NWIC), and Whatcom Community College (WCC). The project provides campus-based career and technical education programs that deliver industry-validated, state accredited programs in order to increase the number of Native American special populations certified in Construction, Business Management, Health, and Hospitality and Tourism careers in order to acquire high-skill, high-wage and high-demand occupations. The annual enrollment target for the project is budgeted for 30 students each year.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- By the end of the fiscal year, the project will increase the graduation rate of special populations by 25 percent over the most recently completed fiscal year graduation rate.
- Provide academic counseling to 30 special population students with 90 percent of them achieving grade “C” or better for their technical courses.
- Provide education and support services to increase reading, communication skills, and math functioning for up to ten students performing at the adult basic education level
- Increase/maintain the number of special population students who participated in and completed a coherent sequence of courses by completing a one year certificate within three years of initial entry.

- Increase the special population students who complete a two year certificate within three-to-five years of initial entry.
- The technical college will provide occupation-specific instruction in the one year technical diploma in construction, business management and administration, health sciences, or hospitality and tourism for 30 students with job entry knowledge and skills.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS:

Postsecondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AREAS:

AREA	CERTIFICATION STATUS
Construction Related Trades	One-year Certificate/ Two-year Degree
Business Management and Administration	One-year Certificate/ Two-year Degree
Allied Health Services	One-year Certificate/ Two-year Degree
Hospitality and Tourism	Two year Degree

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

Case-management	Career Placement	Mileage
Counseling	Tutoring	Childcare allowance
Textbooks	Stipend	Internship
Apprenticeship placement		

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 1

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIVES:

Bellingham Technical College	Center for Economic vitality - WWU
Nooksack Tribal TANF	Northwest Indian College
Nooksack Indian Tribal Clinic	Nooksack Indian Administration
Tribal Works Construction	Nooksack River Casino
Nooksack Northwood Casino	Northwest Workforce Development Council
Native American Vocation Rehabilitation	Western Washington University
Work Source	

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Accreditation for Northwest Indian College and Bellingham Technical College is the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Colleges and Universities.